

An arfy woof to you and yours.

Time to meet the farm dogs. Indian Creek is home to a herd of heroic beasts. They are kind enough to let us live here and cater to their every whim. They used to help with deer and rabbits, but anymore they just pretend. They often sing with distant sirens. Then they nap again.



Their instinct is to protect the farm. They might trot up to you and bark, but they will not chase you away. Nonetheless, some of them are easier going than others—they probably lived very different lives before we adopted them through local shelters. Just ignore them if you are unsure. We do not expect problems, but please share your concerns with us.

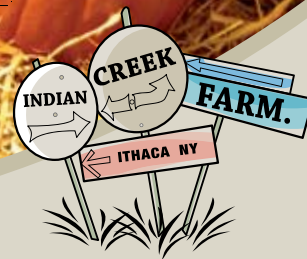
INDIAN CREEK FARM.

You pick fruits and vegetables. Open every day sunrise to sunset.



"ITHACA'S ORCHARD PLAYGROUND."

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When to pick.

THERE ARE OVER 100 CROPS—60 varieties of apples, 10 types of peaches, and tons of other goodies. They ripen at different times from June through November. What's ripe now? Got any Honeycrisp? How can I keep track?



YOU CAN SIGN UP FREE FOR FRESH CROP ALERTS.

We'll email you when crops are ready. You won't miss your favorite local foods.

ISN'T THERE A CALENDAR?

Sure, see our web site. But, remember: If you want to make Mother Nature laugh, tell her your plans.

BETTER TO STAY HUMBLE AND GET CROP ALERTS.

They're free. They're fun. And they are the best way to keep up with reality.

CROPS EBB AND FLOW.

That's life on a small farm. The season is short and the

weather is weird. And that's why a whole mess of local food lovers have already subscribed to Fresh Crop Alerts.

Sign up at the farm stand or the web site—it's free.

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How to pick.

DO ask the stand worker which crops are ready to pick. There is variation even among varieties of the same fruits and vegetables. For example, yellow peaches versus white peaches, and beefsteak versus heirloom tomatoes.

DO NOT bite a piece of fruit then toss it on the ground. If you've picked before it is ripe, don't panic. A peach will be ripe in a few days and an apple will continue to sweeten. Take it home and eat it... or give it to your neighbor!

DO ask for picking tools and return them when done. Some items are best picked with clippers (eggplant), big loppers (sprouts), or those cool picking sticks (apples).

DO look for these ribbons in the Vintage Orchard:

ORANGE = McIntosh

YELLOW = Cortland



BLUE = Rome/Red Delicious


RED = Northern Spy

DO pick apples with 2 hands. Before you pick an apple, steady the branch and the nearby apples with one hand, then gently twist with your picking hand. If you just grab and yank, other apples will fall and cause a chain reaction below. Imagine 500 people knocking a few apples off each time. Heartbreaking waste.



The farm map.

Welcome to The 'Creek. Feel free to hike around and have a picnic. Drive carefully. Look out for kids, pets, tractors, and potholes. It is a working farm and there are  and  rolling around. Go slowly.

This map shows the visitor roads (**yellow**) and work roads (**///// WORK ROAD**). Please keep your vehicle traffic on the visitor roads. You can walk along the work roads, but please stay clear of the work zones ().

If you want to know when crops will be ripe, ask about Fresh Crop Alerts.

- P** PARKING - Use the main lot or park along the road where you're picking
- A** PICNIC SITES - Find one of the tables or pick a shady spot of your own
- PERSON** CHECK IN & OUT - See the stand worker or use the after-hours pay slot
- STAR** LANDMARK - Discover these special features and stay tuned for more
- W** WORK BUILDINGS & ZONES - Please stay clear of these for your safety
- /////** WORK ROAD - Do not drive on these roads, but you can walk along them



The dwarf orchard.

16	Mixed Pears (Reserved)		Mixed Pears (Reserved)	16			
15	Honeycrisp		Honeycrisp	Gala	15		
14	Spigold		Splendour	Enterprise	Sir Prize	Fuji	14
13	Prairie Spy	Northern Spy		Spartan		Jonagold	13
12	Snowsweet	Fortune	Liberty		Sweet 16	Autumn Gala	12
11	Early Fuji			Macoun			11
10	Empire		Honeycrisp				10
9	Dayton	Jonamac	NYS 674	Honeycrisp			9
8	Zestar		Gingergold	Akane			8
7	William's Pride	Sansa		Pristine			7
6	Colonial Apples (Reserved)						6
5	English Pippins (Reserved)						5
4	Mixed Russets (Reserved)						4
3	Mixed Heirlooms (Reserved)						3
2	Mixed Heirlooms (Reserved)						2
1	Mixed Heirlooms (Reserved)						1

There are 60 types of apples here in the Dwarf Orchard.

They ripen at different times, so please ask at the farm stand which varieties are ready to pick. We will circle them on your map.

If you pick an apple, take it home.

Each one is precious. It took a long time to grow. Do not take a bite and throw it on the ground! Way too mean! How would you like to be bitten and thrown away?

Reserved = Please do not pick these rows.

It is very hard to tell when these special varieties are ready to pick. We'll pick them when ripe, and you can get them down at the stand.



TO PLAYGROUND

TO EXIT ROAD

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